

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-15 have been allowed.

Claims 13 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include allowable claim 13. The preambles of the dependent claims have been appropriately amended. Allowance of claim 1 and its dependent claims is solicited.

Similarly, Claim 16 has been amended to include allowable claim 18. The preambles of the dependent claims have been appropriately amended. Allowance of claim 16 and its dependent claims is solicited.

Claim Objections

Claim 16 was objected to. The claim has been amended to replace the term "communicating" with be -communication--. Withdrawal of the objection is solicited.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 2, 5-8, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims have been amended to remedy the stated basis of rejection. No new matter is entered by way of these amendments.

Withdrawal of the rejection is solicited.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 3, and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pozivil 6,167,724.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-4, 6, and 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurokawa 4,678,409 in view of Pozivil 6,167,724, and in further view of Kobayashi 5,888,053.

Claims 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurokawa 4,678,409 in view of Pozivil 6,167,724 in view of Kobayashi 5,888,053, and in further view of Cametti 2,887,062.

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurokawa 4,678,409 in view of Pozivil

6,167,724 in view of Kobayashi 5,888,053, and in further view of Gaeth 5,049,770.

Claims 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurokawa 4,678,409 in view of Pozivil 6,167,724, and in further view of Kobayashi 5,888,053.

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurokawa 4,678,409 in view of Pozivil 6,167,724 in view of Kobayashi 5,888,053, and in further view of Gaeth 5,049,770.

In view of the above amendments whereby Claim 1 has been amended to include allowable claim 13, and Claim 16 has been amended to include allowable claim 18, this rejections are moot and need not be discussed further.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

The present amendment is believed to be fully responsive.

Allowance of the case is solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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